

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 09/297,774  
Inventor(s) : Kimio Ueda et al.  
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Art Unit : 3761  
Examiner : Michele M. Kidwell  
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Confirmation No. : 1243  
Customer No. : 27752  
Title : Absorbent article Having Soft Clothlike Backsheet

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

The Director is hereby authorized to charge all required fees (including any extension of time fees) and to credit any overpayments in this and any concurrent or future correspondence to Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of November 26, 2012, please amend the above-identified application as follows, consider the following remarks and reconsider the application. The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of November 26, 2012 included a 1-month shortened statutory period for reply, making this Reply due on or before December 26, 2012.

*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 2 of this paper.

*Remarks* begin on page 6 of this paper.